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1. HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE
AND MIDDLE EAST (CHAIRMAN HAMILTON) RELEASED MARCH 27
STUDY PREPARED BY CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE OF LIBRARY
OF CONGRESS DEALING WITH U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND
OBJECTIVES IN MEDITERRANEAN. STUDY CONTAINS SOME FACTUAL IN-
ACCURACIES AND DOES NOT REPRESENT OFFICIAL CONGRESSIONAL
VIEWPOINT. STUDY INCLUDED BASES IN GREECE AND TURKEY AS
WELL AS ITALY, SPAIN, AND PORTUGAL. MAJOR CONCLUSIONS OF
STUDY ARE:

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--"THAT THE OPERATING RIGHTS OF U.S. MILITARY FORCES WHICH
USE INSTALLATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA COUNTRIES ARE
LIKELY TO BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO NATO CONTINGENCIES IN THE
FORESEEABLE FUTURE DUE TO DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS
OF THE HOST GOVERNMENTS.

-- THAT INCREASINGLY COSTLY MILITARY AND/OR ECONOMIC

ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES IS LIKELY TO BE EXPECTED BY MOST MEDITERRANEAN AREA NATIONS IN RETURN FOR THE RIGHT TO USE MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTIONS."

2. STUDY CONCLUDED THAT CONGRESS MAY FIND IT ADVISABLE TO: (A) CONSIDER DEVELOPING INDEPENDENT CAPABILITY TO SUPPLY AND SUPPORT U.S. AND NON-NATO NATIONS AND (B) CONDUCT AN INTENSIVE EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION OF U.S. MEDITERRANEAN BASING SYSTEM. COPY OF REPORT POUCHED ADDRESSEES.
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